

January 25, 2023

Facilities, Transportation, and Safe Schools

Safety:

- Active Supervision (NIS) and Gatekeeper (all schools) trainings scheduled for February 15, 2023.
- Fred Scroggins, our regional safety compliance officer, completed safety walks at NIS on January 10, 2023, and NPS on January 11, 2023. All findings will be addressed. No official reports have been given at this time.
- I have communicated to all principals the creation of a districtwide safety committee. The purpose is to form a sustainable process to hear from each school to address concerns, plan professional development, and to proactively prevent scenarios. The goal is to have our first round of meetings in March 2023.
- As a part of my Professional Growth Plan, I sent a survey to all district staff. The question that I asked is, "Overall, how safe is the school environment?" The survey result indicated that 81.1% felt Extremely Safe or Quite Safe. The Impact survey conducted in 2022 had a result of 64% feeling Extremely Safe or Quite Safe. I am pleased to see we are closer to the state average of 82%.
- Received the GMAX results for the playing field at the stadium. We are within our safe range of cushioning.
- I requested a bleacher inspection for all bleachers in the district. I received the report. No
 major issues and only minor repairs needed. I requested a quote for any suggested repairs or
 improvements.
- Added an additional AED device to NPS. As it stands, we have 2 devices at NPS, 2 at NIS, 3 at NHS, and 2 at the Welcome Center. I am looking to add a device at the bus lot.
- We are going to be doing a planned power outage at NIS over Spring Break to test the generator and address any issues that we may discover.
- I will be participating in the U.S. Secret Service Mass Attacks in Public Spaces webinar on January 25, 2023.
- (On-going) Waiting for an installation date for a new intercom system to be installed at the Welcome Center.
- (On-going) Waiting for an installation date from Mobilcomm to install radio repeaters at all schools to allow for city-wide communication in the event of an emergency.
- (On-going) Based upon the KCSS safety assessment, we are getting a quote to add a camera in the Wildcat Sanctuary area of NIS. During the warmer months teachers utilize this area as an outdoor classroom.

Facilities

• Work Order Status (as of 1-18-23)

Date	Work Orders Received	Work Orders Completed	Work Orders Active
July 1 – January 18,	447	392	55
2023			

- Occupancy for the NPS Cafeteria (not kitchen) is scheduled for Monday, January 23, 2023. Food
 will continue to be prepared in the mobile kitchen but will be transported to the cafeteria.
 Students should begin eating in their new cafeteria on Tuesday, January 24. We are currently
 waiting on Duke Energy to schedule a power shut down so that the electrical contractors can
 make final switchovers of power to new panels.
- The new roof top units for the NPS gymnasium, kitchen, and cafeteria will be craned into position on February 20, 2023.
- To clean up the front yard of the Welcome Center, we have removed dead and unhealthy trees. We will remove the stumps, update the landscaping, update/replace the landscaping lights, and seed/straw the area.
- I met with our architect to review all remaining areas in the district that will receive new flooring. This work will resume beginning this Spring Break and will continue over the Summer Break.
- Phase 1 of the Athletic Complex is moving forward. We have purchased two Conex boxes for storage of athletic equipment and will have a dumpster on site in the coming days to begin disposing of broken, ruined, or surplused items. Once abatement occurs and to my knowledge, demolition will begin in March.
- The NHS band room received new flooring in all its rooms during the Winter Break.
- Current projects in early phases: NPS Roof, Athletic Complex, NHS Culinary Arts, and Welcome Center HVAC.

Transportation:

- On January 10, 2023, I attended the Department of Transportation's Drug and Alcohol Clearinghouse Zoom meeting.
- We conducted our bus evacuation drills at all schools during the week of January 9, 2023.
- We hired a bus monitor. She will begin on January 30, 2023. This completes our transportation staff and eliminates the need for maintenance staff to drive or monitor. This will increase our efficiency with maintenance issues. Maintenance staff will still be available for emergencies or staff shortages, etc.

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